

**Draft Minutes
Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee
Town Room Town Hall
September 20, 2011**

Members present: Lynn Grabowski, Karen Kowles, Fran VanTreese, Eve Vogle, Dorie Goldman, Richard Fien

Others present: Glenn Barrington, David Elvin, Rob Crowner, Aaron Hayden, Alan Snow, Hope Crolus

Eve Vogel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Glenn Barrington presented ridership data for UMass for the all of FY11 and the first two months of FY12. Overall, ridership is steadily increasing.

There was a discussion about the location of the temporary and permanent bus tops signs at Atkins Corner.

Glenn reported that the temporary bus stop is on Bay Road at the by-pass road behind Atkins. Construction will not be complete until 2012. Glenn will do the best he can to increase signage about the location of the temporary bus stop.

There was a discussion about improvements that could be made to the PVTA website regarding emergency alerts at the Route Schedule at the PVTA website. Lynn moved: The PTBC requests to have PVTA put notices of bus stop changes: 1.) On the PVTA website on the specific route schedule where the change occurs, 2.) Physically near the former bus stop, and, 3.) On the bus.

Karen suggested that the express route M40 be listed on the route 43 web page.

Dorie seconded the motion and the motion passed 6 to 0.

Glenn reported on service updates to Routes 38, 39 and M40 and the proposed new route 29. The van service is an additional express service and does not have bike racks.

Glenn reported that it is difficult to align UMass transit route times with the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) routes in Deerfield because of other competing scheduling priorities at each organization.

Rob Crowner reported that the Select Board is going to revisit the Complete Streets Policy on September 26th.

Karen moved: The PTBC support the complete streets policy in concept and we request to be informed of all street and sidewalk projects in a timely and comprehensive manner so that we can provide input.

Lynn seconded the motion and it passed 6 to 0.

Alan Snow, the Amherst Tree Warden and Hope Crolius of the Shade Tree Commission presented a memo regarding their opinion of the Complete Streets Policy. After a discussion there did not seem to be any conflict between their concerns and those of the PTBC.

There was a brief discussion of CDBG projects.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran VanTreese